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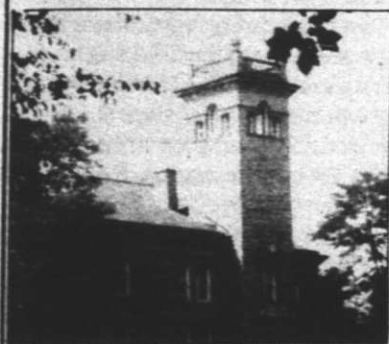
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THE WOOSTER VOICE

FEATURE



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Council votes on Greek academic requisite

By LIZ PUTERBAUGH

Campus Council voted Tuesday to review a Council member's written proposal for rescinding the academic good standing requirement for prospective new members of Greek organizations that Council implemented last year.

Council member Lauren Cohen '94 submitted the written proposal for rescindment, which she described as "the only reasonable solution to what we have identified as a grave discrepancy in academic standards policies at the College."

Cohen, who clarified that she was writing as a member of Council and not as the president of the Student Government Association (SGA), briefly described in the first section of the proposal Council's hope that the standard should not single out Greeks, but should be applied to other organizations as well.

However, as Cohen argued in the meeting, Council is out of its jurisdiction in imposing such restrictions, citing letter E of the Powers of the Council as stated in "The Scot's Key":

"The Council may initiate recommendations on academic matters by forwarding such recommendations to the Dean of Faculty for his or her action where appropriate or for referral to the appropriate faculty committee. If the faculty committee does not issue a report on the Council's recommendations within a reasonable period of time or the committee rejects the Council's recommendations, then the Council may request the Dean to place the recommendation directly on the next faculty agenda for consideration of the faculty" (p. 46).

"I don't feel we should be taking responsibility for monitoring students' academic responsibility," Cohen stated after the meeting. She said she believes that the responsibility lies with the administration, as she emphasized in her proposal. "It is not the responsibility of Campus Council to monitor individual students' progress—that is the responsibility of the faculty and the administration through the Committee on Academic Standards."

A student representative for the Committee on Academic Standards,

Cohen said the requirement issue was raised briefly at the last committee meeting. Dean of Faculty Susan Figge said that Cohen raised the discussion, which focused on a number of general questions involving academic standards, including "whether or not that kind of restriction should be placed on a wider variety of extracurricular and co-curricular activities."

As for Cohen's assertions in the proposal, Figge said the issue would not be the committee's decision but must be taken before the entire faculty. She said she agrees that monitoring students' academic progress is the responsibility of faculty and administration to a point.

"I think it is primarily first and foremost the students' responsibility to monitor their academic progress," she said, adding that at times the administration must intervene, for instance, by not allowing students on academic probation to participate in off-campus programs. However, she said, the specific issue concerning Greeks is "not an academic program but an extracurricular one."

Of Council's decision to review

the proposal, Cohen said, "I'm glad it wasn't dismissed." She said she believes students and Council need to resolve the issue.

Council President Greg Simmons '94 said he thinks that Cohen raised valid arguments in the proposal, and that Council hopes to come to fair and clear decisions at the end of the semester.

He also said he thinks Cohen had a legitimate point when she wrote in the proposal that "students attend the College ... for any number of reasons, many of which are not purely academic in nature." Simmons said he wants the Council to be "on solid ground" in the matter. "I guess we'll be searching for that solid ground in the spring," he said.

Simmons said all recommendations to Council are due by the first weekend after spring break, and that a committee composed of representatives from Council, the Student Activities Board, Inter-Greek Council, Greek Life Committee and SGA will have a series of meetings with President Copeland in April to come to terms with the Greek issue.

A & E



'Death of a Salesman'

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Alleged racial insult causes I.M. tension

By ANDY DUKER

An alleged racial insult made during a women's intramural basketball game Feb. 17, along with a general increased amount of aggressiveness and rough language, has prompted the addition of a second official to the games.

"We've had a couple of games where we've had more aggressive play, more intensity and rougher language than we've ever had in women's intramurals," said Coach Steve Moore, I.M. adviser. "We've taken steps to correct it with adding a second official ... with instructions to the officials that they should be more strict in calling fouls and keeping the game more under control."

Moore and Tiffany Lerch '94, student women's I.M. director, held a meeting last Sunday night which dealt with "addressing the overall approach to I.M. games, re-emphasizing that we must keep our emotions under control and reiterating that we want to keep under control all words that are inappropriate," according to Moore. He stated that they were specific about any particular incident at the meeting.

The alleged racial comment took place during a game between the Tangerees and Your Mom teams. In the last seconds of the game, according to referee James Shepard '94, a rough foul was called. He broke up a

possible fight, and decided to end the game. Shepard did not hear the earlier comment.

"I was called a nigger," said the Tangerees player who was allegedly insulted. She stated that she dropped the matter because she had not been

sure, but that later another teammate affirmed the statement. "... [T]oward the end of the game, the girl who did call me what she did got fouled by me. I was walking back on the court, and she tried to charge me when my back was turned to her," she said.

"I think basically it's hard because it's one word versus another's," said Megan Bruce '95, co-founder of the Your Mom team. She stated that the player in question denies saying the

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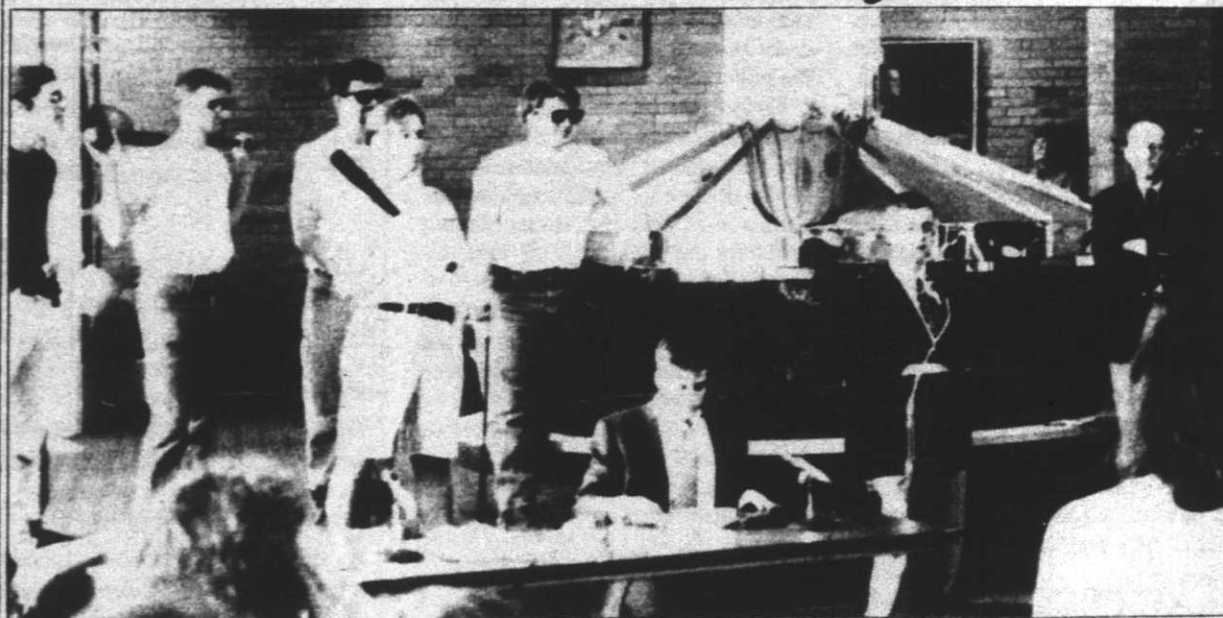


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Debating the proposition that restrictions should be placed upon television violence were Todd Lewis '97 and John Yoder '95, along with several well-equipped thugs. Making a valiant attempt in favor of the proposition were the self-proclaimed "neighbors" Mark Weaver and George Galster. As usual, however, the students won the debate by the popular vote of the audience.

NEWS BRIEFS

NATIONAL

•The FBI arrested former CIA officer Aldrich Hazen Ames for espionage against the U.S. government Tuesday. Government officials said Wednesday the agents that he betrayed were convicted of treason and executed by the former Soviet government.

•Officials in Atlanta, have decided to remove the state flag from Atlanta-Fulton County stadium. The Atlanta Olympic Committee has not made a formal decision yet regarding the display of the flag at the 1996 Olympic games.

INTERNATIONAL

•Nancy Kerrigan skated an almost flawless performance to take first at the women's Olympic figure skating competition Wednesday night. Tonya Harding is ranked 10th, leaving her virtually out of medal contention.

•The Russian parliament gave amnesty Wednesday to the leaders of the October armed insurrection against the government of President Boris Yeltsin. This has been the most direct challenge issued to Yeltsin by the new parliament.

News briefs compiled by ANDY DUKER and AARON SKRYPSKI with information from *The New York Times*.

Insult

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insult.

Shepard reported that he stopped the potential fight and later referred the matter to women's I.M. director Lerch, who had no comment. Lerch referred it to I.M. adviser Coach Steve Moore.

The allegedly insulted player stated she plans to ask Moore that if the two teams play again, both she and the

other player in question be asked to sit out, because, "there's still going to be tension." The two teams are not scheduled to play each other again in the regular season, but may meet in the playoffs after spring break.

The student also stated that the incident should not be generalized to hostility between the two teams. "This is not just an incident because of our team, or the other team," she said. "We're two different individuals."

Security alert reports small house incident

By JUDY NICHOLS

A case of sexual imposition that allegedly occurred Feb. 11 at a small house on campus is still under investigation, said Captain Donald Edwards of the Wooster Police Department.

According to Director of Security Keith James, a female student in the small house let into the house on the night in question two persons unassociated with the College. The student only knew one of the individuals, said James; it was the other individual who allegedly made sexual advances toward another female occupant in the small house.

A memorandum issued about the incident by James described the individual as an African-American male approximately 5'5" tall, with a stocky build and a space between his front teeth. On the night of the incident, the memorandum stated, "he was wearing a hooded, navy blue sweatshirt, green sweatpants, yellow construction-type boots, a gold necklace with a pendant, a gold rope bracelet on the right arm and approximately three

gold rings on each hand."

The memorandum also stated that the individual was suspected in stealing \$30 and jewelry items from the house. James said the thefts were not discovered until a few days later.

According to Edwards, the case of sexual imposition was reported to the Wooster Police Department in the early morning hours of Feb. 12. He said there was no indication that the cases of theft have been reported to the police department.

Early investigation of the incident, noted James, involved the other visitor, who was an acquaintance of one of the occupants in the small house. James said this individual denied knowing the identity of the male allegedly involved in the incident.

James said that a memorandum was issued to inform the campus about the incident because it "wasn't a situation that presented a threat to the entire campus." He noted that the male was an uninvited guest to a specific location, which he said differed from an individual roaming the campus at large.

Corrections

•The quote credited to Eric Haschke '97 in the Feb. 18 article, "Scots, Lady Scots Fare Well at Wooster Diving Invitational" was misattributed. Dave Diluzio '94 said it.

•The actors in the Feb. 18 photo for "Death of a Salesman" were incorrectly identified. The actors were, from left to right: Raymond McCall, Richard Figge, Karen Louis '96 and Matt Williams '94.

Company seeks on-campus location

By MATT SEAMAN

Sonnet's Gourmet Coffee and Tea Company, a local gourmet coffee company, has submitted a proposal to bring an espresso cart into Lowry Center.

Andrew Sonnet, the owner of the company, submitted the proposal in early January to Howard Raber, director of dining services. In the proposal, Sonnet offered to bring the espresso cart, requesting 60 square feet of space and access to electricity and water. In exchange, Sonnet would contribute a portion of the profits back to the College and allow the campus community a chance to enjoy his coffee creations. This, Sonnet said, would create a "no-lose situation."

According to Sonnet, Raber replied to the proposal by saying that the

proposal had been turned down. On Feb. 1, Sonnet sent a letter to Bob Rodda, director of Lowry Center and student activities, along with a copy of the proposal in order to keep the door open for further discussion. Rodda has not yet responded to the letter.

Rodda said that the decision to turn down Sonnet's proposal was based on his interpretation of the College policy that "the school doesn't rent itself out to corporate America."

Bill Snoddy, vice president for finance and business, stated that the policy Rodda spoke of is not actually in writing, but suggested that the problem with someone such as Sonnet using space in Lowry Center was that it would jeopardize Lowry Center's tax-exempt real-estate status.

Sonnet pointed to other commer-

cial ventures in Lowry such as the sweater, T-shirt and poster sales in Lowry Center. He insisted, however, that he is not trying to compete with Mom's. "I just think people deserve quality espresso and cappuccino unlike the kind you can get at Mom's," he said.

On Wednesday night, Sonnet gave a presentation to the Student Government Association (SGA). SGA passed a motion to assign its student services and special projects committee to work with the administration, Sonnet and the student body.

In addition, there is also a petition being circulated by Dori Farthing '95. The petition states that Sonnet should be given a fair chance to compete with Mom's.

Susan Wittstock also contributed to this article.

'War in the former Yugoslavia'

By CHITRALEKHA ZUTSHI

Dijana Plestina, professor of political science, spoke Tuesday night on "War, Balkanization and Nationalism in the Former Yugoslavia." The speech was part of both the Great Decisions lecture series and the Wooster Forum.

The first issue Plestina addressed was the disintegration of Yugoslavia. According to her, there are two reasons behind the disintegration.

First, "there were diverging economic realities and interests between the regions of Yugoslavia," and secondly, "there were diverging social and political visions of the future."

Plestina went on to address the reasons behind the violent nature of the war in the former Yugoslavia. "First

and foremost," she said, "the reason lies in the manipulation by the politically astute leadership of Slobodan Milosovich, the president of Serbia."

According to Plestina, the West shares a large responsibility for the nature of the war. She said that the West had signaled that it would not intervene or interfere in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia, which spurred Milosovich on to declare war.

She said that the West contributed to the war by not lifting the arms embargo on Bosnia and Herzegovina in April 1992, when it was still possible for them to defend themselves from Serbian attack.

Plestina saw positive aspects in the West's response to Sarajevo's situation in the past 12 days. "The West has shown that it is serious about

something. I am still not sure what, but it is serious," she said.

She said that Sarajevo is getting less shelling and the people have regained a certain level of self-confidence because of the West's actions.

She added, "It is very important that the feeling of [triumph] doesn't obscure the fact that one-third of Croatia and more than two-thirds of Bosnia-Herzegovina is de facto under Serbia," she said.

Plestina concluded her lecture with a plea to the West to take active steps to stop the carnage in the former Yugoslavia. "The West cannot allow internationally-recognized borders of internationally-recognized states to be subject to brute force. It cannot allow this kind of disorder to take place."

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Price: \$8.00 each way

SGA Busing Schedule

Leaving from Lowry
March 4, 5 PM
Leaving from Gate 6 of Cleveland Airport
March 10, 7 PM
March 10, 8 PM

WOOSTER INSIGHT

A good cup of coffee

The proprietor of Sonnet's Gourmet and Tea Company has so far got the run-around in his attempt to open a cart in Lowry Center. Not only does this campus deserve a good cup of coffee, but coffee houses and campuses go together like java and donuts—or in this case, biscotti.

Director of Lowry Center and Student Activities Bob Rodda's contention that "the school doesn't rent out itself to corporate America" is deceptive. First of all, one man with the gourmet equivalent of one hot dog stand hardly seems the epitome of a corporate leviathan. Secondly, this school does rent out itself to corporate America. Witness the Coke machines in Lowry, as in most buildings on campus. There are also other vendors: some corporate, like Jostens and others entrepreneurial like the poster, sweater and jewelry sales. Furthermore, other schools have dining services run by Marriott, bookstores run by Barnes & Noble. Many even have fast food restaurants in their student unions. These institutions don't seem too concerned about losing their tax exemption nor fear competition from these companies. Neither should the administration fear an entrepreneur who wants to cater to students and others in our student union.

Holding out the possibility that there are those who prefer Mom's coffee, the solution is to let the Sonnet's coffee stand into Lowry Center and let the competitive market decide.

Why the tuition hike?

Once again the College has raised tuition for the upcoming year, this time by over a thousand dollars. Since the 5 percent increase is more than the current inflation rate, one is compelled to ask where the additional money is being spent. The letter the administration sent to students mentions the extensive resources needed for students to undertake original work, yet none of them are specified. Until the administration can specify to the student body exactly where the increased tuition is going, we tend to look to the more obvious, ubiquitous extras and frills, such as the soap dispensers with the College logo on them or the stairmasters placed in a residence hall.

These views represent the majority vote of the editorial board and not necessarily the views of the entire staff.

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Finals signify an end to learning

Preliminary alternative emphasizes continuity of education

What would college be without finals?

According to Karl L. Schilling and Karen Maitland Schilling, writing in a recent issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*—a far more productive place. Though final examinations have long been a part of higher education, their effectiveness is now being called into question.

Increasingly, educators are attributing poor student retention

of material to "binge-and-purge" learning, a practice generally associated with final examinations. Too often, students study for finals with the impression that, once the tests are over, they are no longer responsible for the material covered during the semester. As a result, students who demonstrate mastery of certain topics covered on examinations administered at the end of the fall semester often prove unable to sufficiently recall those same topics in classes taken the following spring semester.

When students enrolled in upper level classes lack mastery of introductory concepts, problems arise—problems professors dare not ignore. Often, as a "quick fix," professors simply re-teach introductory material. While this practice may help get a course going, it detracts from the amount of higher level material stu-

dents receive exposure to during the course of a semester. Furthermore, students end up paying to receive instruction in the same basic material time and again.

A new teaching practice, capable of both increasing student learning retention levels and drastically reducing the need to re-teach materials is called for. One such proposal entails the development of a system of assessment examinations and brief review courses suited to regulating the progression of course work more effectively.

Under such a system, semesters would begin with an exam period during which students' readiness to enter a given course would be assessed. Students who pass the exam would be allowed to enter any upper level courses for which they qualify. Those who fail would be given the option of taking a brief review course and then retaking the exam. Students who fail the exam a second time would be advised not to take the upper level course but would be permitted to retake the lower level course as an audit.

An added benefit of standardized assessment examinations is that they would aid in curbing grade inflation. Students who received high grades in the course proceeding the one for which they are testing, but who fail to perform adequately on the assessment exam would evidence grade inflation. Another potential asset of this sys-

tem is its facilitation in the accurate placement of non-traditional and transfer students. Assessment examinations would make such students' ability to perform on a level with students already attending classes at the college readily apparent.

Also, the very process of forming assessment examinations requires faculty to come together and seriously consider what they believe students should retain from given courses, thereby clearly establishing expected student performance levels. Such a system may actually enable professors to begin discussing material appropriate to a given course level at the first day of class.

Favoring assessment examinations as opposed to final examinations emphasizes the notion that learning is a continual process, that courses are not units of independent knowledge to be retained effectively only until the student "gets to" forget. Also, any system of education which requires the focused cooperation of professors teaching different courses aids to dispel the notion that students are performing for individual teachers. Finally, such a system stresses developing individuals as learners, as opposed to cramming, and shouldn't that really be what education is all about?

Shannon Tennant is an editorial writer for the Voice.

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Question: What are your plans for spring break?

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HEATHCLIFF VAZ '97

Going to New Orleans to stay with a friend at Tulane.



DONNA-MARIE GRANDERSON '96

I plan on resting and enjoying myself in Barbados for 10 days and coming back so I can tackle my studies.



KATIE HOFFMAN '94

I'm staying here for the first week to finish I.S. and then going to Clearwater, Florida with some friends.



OMARI THOMAS '97

I'm going home for therapy on my knee and to make money.



DREW KAVANAUGH '95

I'm going down to Daytona, Florida with some friends the first weekend second week I'll be with my family.

Death penalty: a legacy of slavery and racism

Racial Justice Act will help correct years of bias and bigotry in our criminal justice system

"No state shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

—14th Amendment, U.S. Constitution

•Dalton Prejean, a black youth sentenced to die for killing a white man in Louisiana, was condemned by an all-white jury after the prosecutor removed all the African Americans called to serve.

There is not a single exception to this pattern from the 19th century to the present: black juvenile defendant, white victim, all-white jury. Prejean was electrocuted in May 1990.

•In South Carolina, a black man named Horace Butler—with an I.Q. of 61, a diagnosis of brain damage, and a long history of schizophrenia—was sentenced to death by a jury who knew none of this. The evidence presented to them during the sentencing phase of the trial by Butler's white attorney lasted just over five minutes.

•Eddie Lee Ross—currently awaiting his execution on Georgia's death row—was represented by an elderly white man who not only referred to his client as "nigger," but who for 50 years, had been the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

In state after state, race continues to play a role in determining who pays the ultimate sanction. The purview of the death penalty will increase under recent Senate passed legislation. It needlessly federalizes crimes already covered by state law and includes over fifty—an unprecedented high—capital punishment offenses (some of which do not even involve someone else's death).

In the next few months, U.S. House of Representatives will have an opportunity to remedy this historic abuse by passing the Racial Justice Act, included in the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reform Act, sponsored By Reps. Craig Washington and John Conyers.

The Act would prohibit the imposition of the death penalty where proof exists that the

defendant's and/or the victim's race determined the sentence. Under the new law, the condemned would be given an opportunity to present statistical evidence to buttress the claim.

Unfortunately for the concept of fairness, that evidence abounds. In studies of sentencing patterns across the country, race is the variable that predicts the outcome of a capital case—and particularly the race of the victim.

For every 25 executions that have occurred in the United States since 1976 (there have been over 228 in that period) 21 have involved white victims. This, despite the fact that African Americans, proportionate to their numbers, are far more likely to be victims of murder (about half of all murder victims are African American).

The General Accounting Office—Congress; independent research division—reviewed studies of capital sentencing from states as diverse as Maryland and Mississippi, California and Florida. The report concluded: "our synthesis of the 28 studies shows a pattern of evidence indicating racial disparities in the charging, sentencing, and imposition of the death penalty ..."

One need not be opposed to the death penalty to support the Racial Justice Act. The bill is designed to end racial discrimination in application of the death penalty, not the death penalty

Racism and the Death Penalty



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itself. That is why conservative organizations such as the American Bar Association—which takes no position on the merits of capital punishment—supports the Racial Justice Act, as it supports racial justice in many difference con-

texts.

In 1987, the entire U.S. Supreme Court acknowledged the statistical link between race and the death penalty (which is nearly three times greater than the link between smoking and lung cancer) in a case out of Georgia, *McCleskey vs. Kamo*. A five-member majority, however, refused to apply a judicial solution, suggesting that Congress was the appropriate remedial branch. That remedy is now at hand in the Racial Justice Act.

Dissenting from the *McCleskey* decision, recently retired Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, wrote, "it is tempting to pretend that ... our treatment of [minorities on death row] sounds no echoes beyond the chambers in which they die. Such an illusion is ultimately corrosive, for the reverberations of injustice are not so easily confined."

It would be tragically ironic, as we enter the last decade of the 20th century, if Congress—which has sought to guard against racial discrimination in housing, employment and education—ignored the reverberations of injustice by refusing to provide similar protection against racial discrimination in the imposition of the death penalty. When our racial bias determines who shall live and who shall die, Congress should act to prohibit it.

Diann Rust-Tierney, a College of Wooster alumna, is director of the Capital Punishment Project of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation. Ms. Rust-Tierney will be interviewed Thursday on WCWS Radio.

OARDC: that 'other' college campus in Wooster

By ZACH VEILLEUX

OARDC.

Those letters sound vaguely familiar. You know you've heard them somewhere. Maybe seen them posted on a water-tower? But where? And what do they mean?

OARDC stands for Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center. It's a branch of the Ohio State University (OSU) that deals with agricultural research. It consists of about 7,200 acres of land distributed on campuses and farms throughout Ohio. The largest of these is the 2,100 acre campus located just south of the Wooster City limits on Ohio Rt. 83—the one we Woosterites know and love.

Kurt Knebusch is the acting associate head of the section of communication and technology at OARDC. Why does OARDC exist? In Knebusch's words, OARDC "conducts research in agriculture to benefit agriculture. What we do applies to that. We're the only organization in Ohio that does that." Agriculture is Ohio's largest industry, explains Knebusch, and the research done there benefits everybody. "What we do, directly or indirectly, impacts the lives of everybody in Ohio."

Knebusch stresses that "OARDC is more than just this place in Wooster." All in all, OARDC provides employment to nearly 700 Ohioans, and there are 14 separate locations throughout Ohio, including the campuses in Wooster and Columbus. Last year, OARDC's budget was over \$35 million. Fifty percent of that comes from state appropriations.

A different kind of campus

OARDC is very different from the College of Wooster we are all familiar

with. You won't find any rows of classrooms or book-laden undergraduate students wandering about the campus. OARDC is a research institution. The 185 OARDC scientists conduct about 400 research projects in a wide variety of fields related to agriculture.

The OSU College of Agriculture consists of three branches, according to Knebusch. OARDC is the research branch. The extension branch has offices in every county in Ohio. They are the branch responsible for applying the results of the research to the consumers. The instructional branch consists of four-year instructional programs such as the one offered at the Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI) located adjacent to OARDC.

The OARDC campus looks nothing like the small liberal arts school we are used to. A look at the campus map reveals several office and laboratory buildings, a whole bunch of greenhouses and, of course, farmland. What kind of agriculture institution would it be without farmland? It stretches out for acres, dotted with barns, silos, pastures and fences.

One of the most well known and popular parts of the campus is the Secret Arboretum. The arboretum is 85 acres of land which offers over 2,000 different species of trees and shrubs, lined with walkways and paths for walking or hiking. It has been maintained and planted continuously since 1909. The arboretum is open to the public year-round during daylight hours.

History

The Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station was established by the Ohio General Assembly in 1881. It was originally located adjacent to OSU in Columbus, but in 1892 was moved to

Wayne County, the highest bidder. The move was accomplished by wagon train. Kenneth Chamberlain, photographer for the Section of Information and Applied Communications at OARDC, explained the move was necessary because of problems with urbanization in Columbus—a problem that seems to be repeating itself in Wooster today.

In 1965, the name was changed to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, in order to, according to the 1992 annual report, "more accurately reflect the function and program of the institution."

OARDC formally merged with OSU in 1982. "OARDC always had a working relationship with OSU," explains Knebusch, but the formal merger didn't occur until 1982. The current director of OARDC is Dr. Thomas L. Payne.

Lots of cows

Normally, tours of the campus are reserved for educational groups of eight or more. But Chamberlain took the time to show me around the campus anyway.

We started our tour at the Krauss Dairy Center. Chamberlain explained that Wayne County is Ohio's biggest dairy producing county, making it a good place to locate what Chamberlain called one of the country's best dairy programs.

As you might expect, the dairy program includes cows. And OARDC has them. Chamberlain took me to the Krauss Dairy Center, where, sure enough, there were no less than 105 cows lining up to be milked. Chamberlain explained that the cows are kept in special numbered "tie stalls," where their diets can be regulated individually. They are milked twice a day by a computerized milking machine. The milk is sold to local dairy suppliers for bottling.

There are no bulls at OARDC. All reproduction is achieved via artificial insemination. If a male calf is born, it is auctioned.

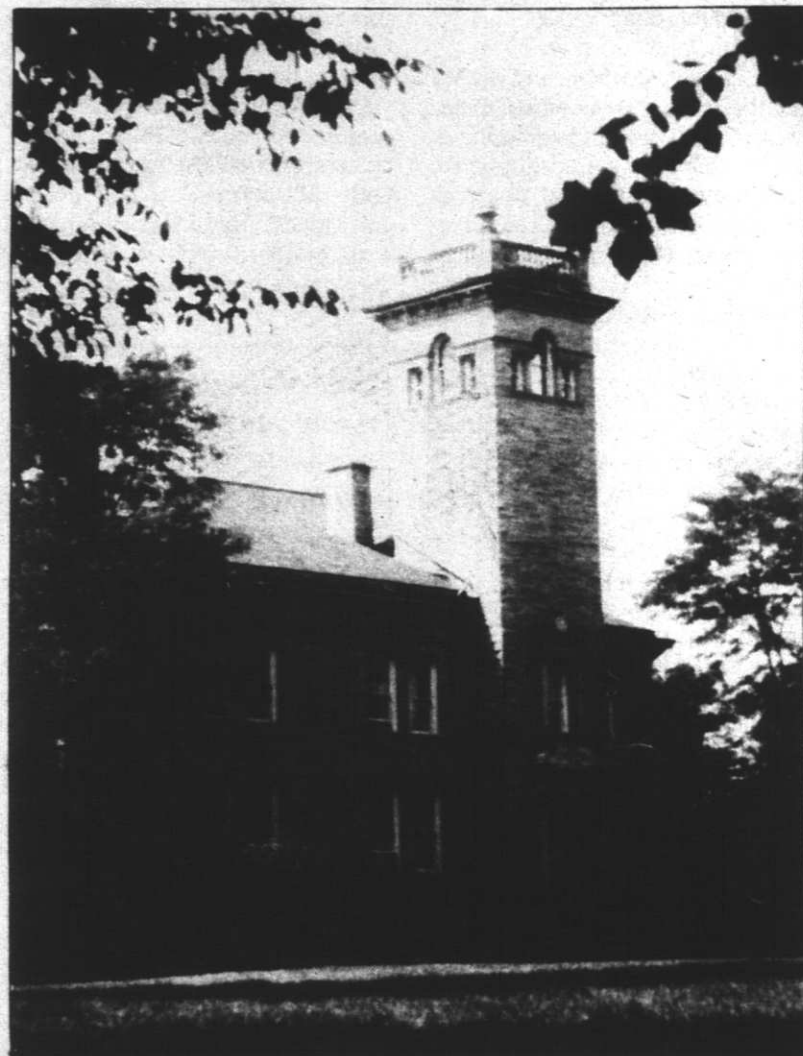
Researchers are studying nearly every aspect of the cattle farming process, from reproduction and diets to milking and viral diseases. In addition, the grain grown on the OARDC grounds is ground at the feedmill and used to feed the cattle.

"Everything grown on the farm stays in the system and is used to feed the animals," explained Chamberlain.

Test tube genetics

The next stop on our tour was Williams Hall, home to the Agronomy department. From the outside Williams looked like any other academic building, but inside the long halls were lined not with classrooms and offices, but laboratories. Every room was full of bright white countertops and rows of carefully labelled bottles.

Chamberlain introduced me to Dr.



OARDC's administration building was completed in 1897. It now houses offices and the OARDC museum.

photo courtesy of OARDC

John Finer, associate professor of Agronomy. Finer is working in tissue culture, breeding new strains of plants by genetically altering their DNA structure. To do this, Finer built what he calls a Particle Inflow Gun (PIG). With this, he can transfer the DNA containing genes from one organism directly into the tissue of another.

Finer showed me rows of petri dishes containing plant embryos growing in a nutrient laden, gel-like medium. He hopes that he can introduce new traits, such as fungal-, virus- or insect-resistance to these plants.

Finer, who has been with OARDC for seven years, is currently experimenting with this technique on cotton, soybeans, corn and bent grass. He says it usually takes five to seven years to produce a new line of a crop.

"Potentially we can do all kinds of things with these processes. We don't know what we might discover," says Finer.

Connections

Fortunately, the Wooster community doesn't ignore the presence of a major research institution nearby. Local industries have funded specific research projects. For example, Smucker's has funded research on locally grown strawberries.

The College of Wooster community has also taken an interest. Over the years, several College of Wooster students have spent time at OARDC as research assistants or interns, especially during those summer months.

COW professors, too, have worked at OARDC. LeRoy Haynes, a member of the chemistry department, worked at OARDC during his one-year research leave in 1991-92. Haynes worked in the Entomology department with the now associate professor Larry Phelan '76, a Wooster biology alumnus.

Haynes' work involved investigating the chemicals in corn that attracted insect pests. Haynes explained that only the females are interested in the corn, since they lay their eggs there. The males, he said, "are only interested in the females."

His findings? "The insects won," said Haynes. He didn't find any reason in particular why they like the corn. But he enjoyed the research anyway. "It was a fine experience," he commented. "As a chemist, I like seeing how chemistry fits into the broader picture."

Some information for this article was compiled from the 1992 and 1993 Annual Reports, "The View From the Tower" and other OARDC literature.



photo courtesy of OARDC

Dr. John Finer examines a flask containing soybean tissue in a suspension culture. This tissue has been genetically altered by Finer's particle bombardment technique.

Wooster vs. Yale: How we stack up against the Ivies

By AARON SKRYPISKI

OK, we've seen them, and yes, we hate them. You know what I mean. Those obnoxious surveys, asking us to name the 23rd president and the color horse that General Lee rode when he traveled to Apamatox Courthouse. Sometimes we know the answer, most times not. Consequently, these surveys wind up on the six o'clock news. Your parents sit around the television, ranting and raving about how inept the present generation is. Well, maybe we do have our inadequacies, but I'd like to remind the older generation that our youth won't be characterized by whether or not we inhaled.

Yet, those little annoying surveys still keep popping up. One of the latest to surface was a poll conducted by 12 students at the University of Pennsylvania. These students wanted to test other Ivy League students to find out whether or not they were actually as smart as their SAT scores seemed to indicate. Surprise, surprise, they weren't.

The Penn students asked each of 3,119 other Ivy Leaguers about such things as the names of two senators from his or her state. They were also

asked to list four Supreme Court Justices and provide the name of the author of the quote, "A government of the people, by the people and for the people." As you might have guessed, the numbers were less than astounding. Only 50 percent of the people questioned could name the two senators from their states. Apparently they're not from Ohio, where I am

Sixty percent of the students I questioned couldn't name the two senators from their state. Apparently Senator Metzenbaum isn't as well loved as I had imagined.

sure that Senator Metzenbaum has a tremendous following.

Along the same lines, 59 percent could not name at least four Supreme Court Justices. The author of the quote about the nature of a democracy was unknown to 75 percent of those tested.

Upon reading these results, and with a little friendly persuasion from my editors, I decided to conduct my own survey. I will be up front right now. Although I could handle the senator and the justices questions, I too drew a blank on the government quotation.

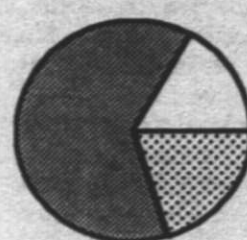
The first thing I was concerned

with in my survey was whether or not people here on campus could even name some of the eight Ivy League schools. After all, if we can't even figure out who they are, why should we care whether or not their students are losers? So, I decided to poll 35 people. I realize that it isn't 1,113, but hey, I'm only a staff writer. My first question was whether or not they could name four of the Ivy League schools. Seventy-two percent of those polled could name four. That was a good number—almost three-fourths, in fact. I was beginning to feel pretty good about my survey.

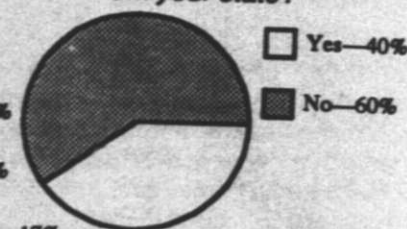
Surprisingly, about 46 percent of the people I questioned had friends at Ivy League schools. This fact also gave me a good feeling. Not that I want my fellow Wooster students to hobnob with only Ivy Leaguers, but a little intellectual stimulation never hurt. Only 2 percent of the people I polled applied to an Ivy League school. But that's OK, many of us are from around here, and getting back east all the time could be expensive.

I suppose that another reason why no one—well, only 2 percent—applied to an Ivy League school is that 100 percent (that's right—100 percent) of you said that an Ivy League

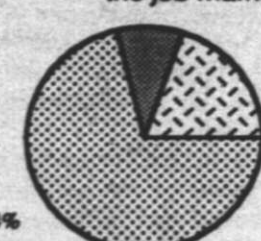
Are you getting a better, equal or worse education than an Ivy student?



Can you name two senators from your state?



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Can you name four Supreme Court Justices?



education was not the best available in America. In fact, if given a full ride to any college or university in the country, only 31 percent of those polled would choose an Ivy League school. And 25 percent of those who wouldn't go to an Ivy League school

on full scholarship would come back to Wooster. (We'll see if that number changes after the tuition increase announced earlier last week.)

This survey should make the please see IVY LEAGUE, page 7

Internships provide opportunities after graduation

By JENNIFER SCHUPSKA

"What are you doing after graduation?"

As the end draws near, most seniors are finding a suitable answer to this question. Some will go on to graduate school; others will join the work force directly out of college. Still others, however, are exploring a third option: working for the College as an administrative intern for the dean of student's office.

The internship program places students in one of four offices: Black Student Affairs, Career Development and Placement, International Student Affairs, and Student Organizations

and Activities.

Interns are responsible for such tasks as editing newsletters, counseling students and planning special programs. In addition, they are required during their term of employment to live on campus as part of the residential life staff directing a residence hall or a set of small houses. The interns' room and board costs are paid by the College, and they are given about \$650 per month as salary for a contract which runs from Aug. 1 until May 31. Benefits also include Part I of the student health insurance plan, and permission to take one course per semester free of charge.

Although the internship positions

are temporary—one or two years—the faculty generally view the interns as paraprofessional members of the office "team." It is this status which Carolyn Buxton, the coordinator of the internship program, appreciates most. She said, "... they are involved in the day-to-day activities and challenges of an office. They're involved in the decision-making. They're a real part of the staff. They see everything up close and personal."

The interns are not the only ones to benefit from this close relationship, though; as former students, they can often give their employers insight into what students want and need. This is important in an office like Career

Development and Placement, where the intern is in charge of monitoring the career library and making sure students have access to the resources necessary for writing a resumé or finding a job.

Tricia Tierney, assistant dean of students for International Student Affairs, emphasized the amount of creative freedom enjoyed by the interns. "It's a really interesting experience to see yourself put on a MLK celebration [or] International Week ... and doing that program successfully."

Shelly Kay, administrative intern for the Office of Student Organizations and Activities, said she applied for the

internship because she wasn't sure what she wanted to do after graduation. She believed that the position "has really helped me to focus on my career goals. Besides that, it's a good transition time." Kay, who plans to attend graduate school at Kent State or Bowling Green State University next year, said that the only drawback to the position is that "it's not a 9-to-5 job ... you never know when you're going to have time for you, when people will have problems."

The benefits outweigh the drawbacks, however. When asked if she thought she made the right decision, Kay replied, "Definitely. It's been great."

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Ivy League

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administration proud: when asked if they thought their Wooster education was as good as an Ivy League one, 20 percent of this sample said Wooster's was better. Sixty-three percent said that they were receiving an equal education at Wooster. In fact, no one said that they were getting a worse education. The other 17 percent weren't sure about their education. But that's Ok. I think.

Perhaps the most important thing isn't where you spend your four years at college, but rather where you spend the rest of your life. In other words, how will the job market treat a student from an Ivy League school as opposed to a student from somewhere else? When asked if they believed that students from the Ivies are going to have an advantage over them in the job market, 71 percent responded that they would. That's great if our education is just as good, but who cares when the real world will hire the Harvard grad.

Now for the fun part of the survey.

That's right, I asked the same questions of the 35 students I polled that the Penn students asked their sample. Wooster students faced the same challenge of naming their senators, their justices and the author of the aforementioned quote. How did we do? Sixty percent of the students I questioned couldn't name the two senators from their states. Apparently Senator Metzenbaum isn't as well loved as I had imagined.

Picking four Supreme Court justices was a bit harder—74 percent of those asked failed. In terms of the quote, 17 percent guessed the author correctly—83 percent could not name Abraham Lincoln as the correct author.

As a side note, 29 percent of those who did not name Lincoln guessed Thomas Jefferson. I'm sure that made him feel pretty good, wherever he is now.

Oh, one more thing to clear up: No, Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding are not Supreme Court justices, thank you. But hey, at least they didn't inhale.

Spiders and lizards and snakes ... oh my!

By AMANDA JUNKIN

I love animals! When I was assigned to check out a local pet store, I was ecstatic. I pictured being able to roam through the halls of some gigantic "Pet Palace" oodling over exotic, rainbow-colored parrots and fuzzy, frisky little terriers. On Monday afternoon, I ventured out into the streets of Wooster to find the place they call Fur & Feather Pets.

I pulled into the drive of 658 Pittsburgh with a little reluctance. Before my eyes lay what looked like a set from some cheap horror flick. "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre"—in particular, came to mind. Tucked into a dark corner of the road right past the railroad tracks was a dingy, dusty little shack displaying a huge, neon "open" sign. From the front window, I noticed a mysterious face peering out at me. This was not at all what I had expected!

Slowly, I trudged up to the door and was immediately greeted by Ann DeWeese, who has owned the store since its opening 12 years ago. I quickly learned the face in the window belonged to her 7-year-old grandson, Jason DeWeese. I wandered into the depths of the store to take in its ambience. Even though it was tiny and cluttered, there was a certain quaint and homey quality to it. I decided to ask DeWeese how she got involved in this type of work.

"To be honest, I don't remember," she replied. "I've done this all my life. I've been messin' with em' [animals] since I was a kid. It's the only thing I've ever done."

DeWeese explained that she had grown up in the Kentucky heartland and had always had the opportunity to play with and to take care of animals since her youth. She said owning a pet store allows her to live her life the way she wants.

"I love animals," she said. "Every time I see a new reptile, I have to have it. I can't have this many in my house."

DeWeese said it does get difficult working so closely with animals. She said she has grown really attached to

certain pets the store has had and admitted to breaking down and crying after they were sold.

"To be honest, I enjoy being with most reptiles rather than most people," she said. "The hardest part of being in this business is when one sells."

I continued to scope out the joint, turning around to take in all the various cages and aquariums filled with interesting critters. I noticed there weren't any animals typical of a commercialized pet shop, such as dogs or cats. DeWeese said the store did not sell these types of pets.

"Most of our animals are reptiles," she said. "That is what we specialize in."

She showed me some of the various reptiles in the store, including snakes, turtles and iguanas. DeWeese is especially proud of the store's baby boa who is now 2 months old and who eats baby mice. She also has a tagu, which is a male monitor—a large, tropical lizard. This type of reptile is very similar to the iguana, except that the iguana eats fruits and vegetables, while the tagu actually eats mice and rats. The iguanas start at \$45. The baby boa and the tagu are each priced at \$150. Turtles cost \$35.

DeWeese said the store sells other pets such as canaries, parakeets, finches, rats, mice, gerbils, hamsters, exotic goldfish known as betas and even tarantulas. Surprisingly enough, these spiders are relatively easy to take care of.

"You just give it some crickets and some water," she said. "Unless you're stupid, you don't put your hand in there."

The store has in the past offered some exotic, unusual pets. DeWeese said she has from time to time sold potbellied pigs. Next to reptiles, the pigs are her favorite type of pet.

"They are smarter than people think," she said. "They walk around the house like a dog. You can put leashes on them."

Seven years ago, the store had a monkey. DeWeese said she will never again sell a pet of this type because it was upsetting to keep it cooped up inside. She said the monkey seemed



photo by ZACH VEILLEUX

Despite its shack-like appearance, Fur and Feathers Pets is home to numerous lizards, snakes and other unusual pets. Fur and Feathers is located at 658 Pittsburgh.

just like a human and she referred to it as a "lil' people."

"They don't make good pets," she said. "They don't belong in a cage. They belong outside in a tree."

In addition, Fur & Feather Pets sells various other types of pet food, supplies, crickets for food, cages and even baseball, football and basketball cards. Their main supplier is a Texas company called the Mouse House, but they in the past, have, received animals and equipments from suppliers in Cleveland, California and Pennsylvania. The store also offers dog-grooming services. The shop is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and usually on Sundays from 2 p.m.-6 p.m.

DeWeese said if a customer is having problems with a pet or just wants to ask a question, she is always more

than willing to help out. She has learned all she knows about pets through reading books and from her experiences with animals during her youth and during her ownership of the store. "The best lesson you can have is the experience of living with them," she claims.

That day, I drove home with a gnawing feeling of admiration in my stomach. My first impression of this place had been wrong. While Fur & Feather Pets presented quite an intimidating exterior, what is contained in its interior was well worth the trip out there. Here was a woman who has dedicated her entire life to taking care of animals. She has a genuine love for and belief in what she does. In an age of fast-food frenzy, Wal-Marts and computerized mass media, values such as these are often forgotten.

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'Death of a Salesman' performed at Freedlander

By ANNA VON UNWERTH

This weekend the College's theatre department will be presenting a production of "Death of a Salesman." It is the story of a burnt out traveling salesman, Willie Loman, whose only consolation comes from the success of his sons. Neither of them seem to be living up to their potential, especially the older son, Biff, who was a high school star athlete with charm and aspiration, but gave up on life and himself after discovering a horrible secret about his father's life on the road. It is a story of two men trapped in a life of mediocrity, unable to fulfill their dreams, and unable to live up to each other's expectations.

The production features many outstanding performances which make this a must-see. In theater productions of this nature, timing seems to be everything. If the actors' timing is off, the play moves slowly and does not achieve the emotional effect that it was meant to have. This production, however, moves like clockwork. It seems as though the actors know what to say as if by intuition rather than memory, as if they are the characters, living out their lives on stage.

Richard Figge, professor of German, gave a stunning and heartfelt performance as Willie. Matthew Williams '94 was passionate and energetic in his portrayal as his son Biff. Chris Kelly '96 accurately portrayed Happy, as the embodiment of hypocrisy, and Karen Louis '96 accentuated both the emotional, physical and moral strength of Loman's wife, Linda.

Perhaps the success of this production lies in the fact that it is, as Williams said, "a naturalist play, which is very rare for Wooster." The play strives to be as realistic as possible in every aspect of its production. With the exception of Louis, each actor was the approximate age of the character that they were playing.

In speaking about the differences between this production and past productions, Williams said, "This cast is unique because we have a real ability to work through problems together. It doesn't hurt at all that we are in the right age ranges." This was abundantly apparent in scenes between Figge and Williams which maintain a unique chemistry that results in performances so realistic that I felt as though I was intruding on some extremely personal family conversation and slouched deeper and deeper in my chair, feeling more and more embarrassed as the plot became more and more personal and as the characters became more volatile.

Heather Mroczkowski '96, as Loman's lover from Boston, has created such a stage presence so that she was able to turn a seemingly small role (in stage time, not in the context of the plot) into one of the most pivotal aspects of the play, initiating metamorphoses in the personalities of both Willie and Biff.

In short, Annetta Jefferson's "Death of a Salesman" is a polished, professional and sophisticated campus production. Arthur Miller would be proud. "Death of a Salesman" plays again tonight and Saturday.

Chris and Johnny set to play at Wooster



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Chris Cunningham and Johnny Hermanson, better known as Chris and Johnny, will be performing their beautiful and reflective original lyrics and arrangements at Mom's Friday starting at 9 p.m. Currently recording their fourth album, their carefully crafted music recalls Simon and Garfunkel, James Taylor and Joni Mitchell. Admission is free.



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Die Monster Die's debut album "Withdrawl Method," a thumping cannonball ride of the first degree, hit the stores this Wednesday.

Die Monster Die thumps through debut

By MICHAEL DITTMAN

Die Monster Die humps along through an impressively lucky 13 tracks on their new compact disc, "Withdrawl Method." From the sound and content of this disc, these are not your usual jangly, small-college-town pop stars that listeners are used to.

What if the Gin Blossoms were named after a cheesy, grade-B horror movie instead of W.C. Fields' nose? Would R.E.M. ever have the gall to record a song called "Vagina Dentata," which appears as track seven on the debut, "Withdrawl Method"?

Did the Grateful Dead's live performance ever include smoke machines, black nighties, cornstarch and strategically placed duct tape (or more appropriately would anyone in the audience notice)?

"Think 10,000 Maniacs on testosterone," said *Metroland* magazine in its review of Die Monster Die's sound.

Actually the band's sludgy guitar-laden sound is a lot closer to current sonic gurus Smashing Pumpkins on better drugs, or maybe Fleetwood Mac if it were the late '70s and "Go Your Own Way" was cool again.

The drumming style throughout the album is frenetic and just barely under control, as it abruptly changes rhythms in a style that pulls you along for the rhythmically bumpy ride. The guitars seamlessly blend in, to present an overall dreamy pop fest that leaves you wanting more after the album ends.

Die Monster Die has just completed a month of successful dates east of the Mississippi. Performing everywhere from New Orleans to Atlanta to D.C., they played to rave reviews and packed

houses in support of the recently released "Slumber" single.

Originating from Athens and eventually relocating to New York City and changing the entire lineup except for founding member and guitarist Evan Player, the band draws its members from a myriad of various backgrounds.

Alice Cohen, formerly of the hardcore bands Ex-Vels and Shag Motor Pony, performs as the vocalist and bassist and hails from Philadelphia.

Shawn Tracy, the second guitarist, hails from the wintry home of the formerly mighty Replacements, Minneapolis. Drummer Kenny Sanders hails from the hometown of Dixieland Jazz and Mardi Gras debauchery, New Orleans.

These four people join together with their varied backgrounds to create music that is soulful and melodic, but that at the same time comes off as extremely hard-edged.

Their second track on the album, "Swallowed," is like Fleetwood Mac chanteuse Stevie Nicks fronting an awkwardly in-tune Sonic Youth.

The drums pump through everything else on this track. The guitars are dreamy thick, and finally Cohen's hypnotic voice seeps through wailing the phrase, "... where is, where is, where is your master?"

Other standout tracks on the album include the frenzied track number eight, "Toad" and the first single, released earlier this month, "Slumber."

Die Monster Die's debut album hit the stores on Feb. 22. If you can't find them in the store, you can order direct from New York's on Roadrunner Records.



FRIDAY, FEB. 25

•Happy Hour in The Underground. 5 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

•Video Night: "Shaft" The Underground, 8 p.m., \$50. In the quintessential blacksploitation movie, private eye John Shaft is hired to find the kidnapped daughter of a corrupted Harlem ganglord.

•Spotlight Showcase: Chris and Johnny. Mom's Truckstop, 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. These St. Olaf College students from Minnesota will wow you with their original folkie harmonies! Recalling music from Simon & Garfunkel to Joni Mitchell, these artists combine romanticism, intricacy and not to mention social awareness into one show-stopping performance.

•Red Pin Special. Bowl the night away with your friends and win free games from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. in Scot Lanes.

SATURDAY, FEB. 26

•Join the Hip Hop MOOVing COW as it goes shopping at Tower City and the Galleria. Exercise your capitalist rights and buy, buy, buy. The bus leaves at 10 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m. Sign up at Lowry Front Desk. It's cheap! Just a \$2 deposit.

•Film: "Dave." Mateer, 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., \$1. In this critically-acclaimed movie, Dave was simply an ordinary guy in extraordinary circumstances who was asked to impersonate the president. When the powers that be gave him the chance to make the country better, he rose to the occasion and does just that.

SUNDAY, FEB. 27

•Classic Film: "L'Atalante." Mateer, 7:30 p.m., free. What might at first seem to be just a simple plot of a young woman's stormy initiation into married life on a river barge suddenly turns into a varied kaleidoscope of hidden meanings, dazzling digressions and stunningly offbeat characterizations.

•Art Exhibit: Painting, Etching and Engraving at Lowry Center Art Wall through March 20.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

•Video Night: "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." The Underground, 8 p.m., \$50. Watch as actors, Steve Martin and Michael Caine star as two rival confident men who confront each other and decide to make a wager. Throughout the rest of the movie, money, relationships and physical comedy abound!



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Award-winning poet to give reading

Julia Kasdorf, winner of the 1993 Great Lakes College Association New Writers Award for poetry, will give a poetry reading at the college on Wednesday, March 2. Kasdorf's reading is free and open to the public. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in Room 120 of Lowry Center.

Film 'Reality Bites' does just that

By JOSH ELROD
MATT SEAMAN

I called my mother on Sunday after my little brother told me that she had seen "Reality Bites." She said that this movie was "The Graduate" of my generation. I said that, while I did find the film enjoyable, to give it that much significance is unfair. While the film serves as a vaguely entertaining photo album of various factors that influence those who are young today, it is not, even though it desperately wants to be, the seminal defining film of our times.

Writer and director Ben Stiller's portrayal of life as a twenty-something in 1994 is accurate, but perhaps too much so. The film goes out of its way to show you how on target it is. I was happy to see the characters singing "Conjunction Junction" from "Schoolhouse Rock." It made me feel like a member of a privileged audience, meant to recognize the nostalgia. I didn't need to see it twice (later, Lelaina sings "I'm Just a Bill.") The characters also suffer from this enthusiasm to include all the elements of the decade.

The audience is treated to not one, but two, traumatic moments in the life of youngsters these days. I was at first bored, and then frustrated, as Stiller showcased a promiscuous woman going in for an AIDS test and then a young gay man coming out to his mother. It's not that these actions are meaningless in and of themselves, but more the case that Stiller gave the characters so little depth, that the function of two characters seemed only to be the gay guy and the woman who thinks she has AIDS. These two

possible emotional goldmines wound up being thrown in for show. We are shown is, here is someone coming out, here is someone getting an AIDS test. These two events had as much emotional significance as the "Schoolhouse Rock" song references.

This is not to say the movie is insincere. In fact, the love story itself is more genuine and engrossing than the earlier Generation X tale, "Singles." In that film, the only obstacle to a successful relationship is a sort of social self defense that prevents them from revealing themselves, unable to take risks. Stiller's characters may have trouble committing themselves emotionally, but they have less of a problem being honest, about others if not themselves. The volatile relationship between Troy and Lelaina is worth watching and rings true. The only drawback to this aspect of the film is in the character Stiller has written for himself.

Stiller's character was the only successful member of the gang, and the film, unfortunately heavily handed, made him corrupt as a consequence. I would take exception to the idea that to be a member of our generation and be successful one must be corrupt. This adds an element of immature snobbishness that makes the film too pretentious to merit being taken as serious social commentary. But Winona Ryder is hot.

And hey, let's be honest, isn't that part of why we go to the movies anyway? (For all concerned, I'm sure Ethan Hawke is hot too, I just wasn't paying as much attention.) So, if you want to see an entertaining movie with beautiful people in love set in a parody of our times, go see this film!

Upcoming week in entertainment

Live Music

Joe Satriani: The Odeon, March 7

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Dweezil and Ahmet Zappa: Peabody's Down Under, March 12

Fishbone: Agora, March 12

Cocteau Twins: Agora, March 17

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•Grumpy Old Men—PG-13*
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•The Getaway—R
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•Philadelphia—PG-13
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•On Deadly Ground—R*
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Scots, Lady Scots fare well at NCAC Meet

By DIANE BURTCH

The Fighting Scot and Lady Scots performed well at the Conference meet last weekend, with the men placing sixth over all and the women placing third. Head coach, Keith Beckett, said that he and the other coaches were, "ecstatic with the performance of both teams at the meet."

The women finished well, moving up a position from last year and beating long time rival Allegheny. Beckett attributes the placement to a number of high individual places and depth of the team. For the women, Kenyon took first place, Denison finished second, then Wooster in third, then Allegheny, Case Western, Wittenberg, Ohio Wesleyan, and then Oberlin.

According to Beckett the men had been expected to finish in seventh or

eighth place, because they lost some key individuals from last year. Their finish at fifth, which moved them up a position from last year, was a "product of the depth of the team," said Beckett. An example of this, he said, was in the 1650-yard freestyle event, where Wooster placed eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth. The final placing for the men was, Kenyon in first, then Denison second, Allegheny third, then Ohio Wesleyan, Wooster, Oberlin, Case, and Wittenberg.

Co-captain Mark Groynom '94 said, "It all came together for the men's team. We were there mentally, physically, and emotionally. We stepped up to the challenge of beating teams that no one thought we could beat."

For the men the only All Conference finish came in the 800-yard

freestyle relay. As stated above, though, there were many other places taken by the Fighting Scots, including a placing of sixth on both the high and low boards by Eric Haschke '96. The swimmers for this third placing 800-yard relay were Derek Longbrake '96, Kris Marr '97, Andrew Wunderley '97 and Groynom.

For the women there were eight All Conference finishes. The relays gaining All Conference honors were the 800-yard freestyle, the 200-yard freestyle, and the 200-yard medley relay, which all placed third. The 800 frees relay was fast enough to qualify for Nationals, with swimmers Debbie King '96, Kate Schnell '94, Tammy Behringer '94 and Carolyn Knox '97.

The swimmers in the 200 free were Schnell, Behringer, Karen Buchmueller '97 and Heather Gleason

'96. In the 200 medley relay were Peggy Teale '96, Heather Johnston '94, Schnell and King.

Individual All Conference honors went to King and Liz Helstein '96. King placed first in the 400-yard individual medley and the 200-yard individual medley, and placed second in the 200-yard breast stroke. According to assistant coach Brian Vereb, this was, "the first swimming Conference champ in over a decade." Helstein placed first on the 1-meter board and third on the 3-meter board.

When asked if there were any disappointments in the meet, Beckett said that, "whenever 45 individuals swim, over the course of three days there's always a goal that's not attained," but that he was not really disappointed with and performance.

The season is winding down for the

Scots with Nationals being the last meet of the season. The women's team has seven swimmers going to this meet. King is qualified in the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medley races and the 200 and 400-yard breaststroke. Beckett said that it has not yet been determined in which three of these races she will compete. Knox will swim in the 200-yard backstroke and the relays, Behringer in the 200 fly and relays, and Teale in the 100 back and relays. Carrie Sergi '97 will compete in the 200-yard butterfly and Schnell in the relays.

Diver, Helstein will dive off both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards.

Over all, the Lady Scots and Fighting Scots have had a good season and Beckett said that he is, "very happy and proud of the accomplishments of both of the teams".

Crissman Team

We realize that this is not timely whatsoever, but it is something that we have been planning for some time, so here it goes: In this week's edition of *the Voice*, the Sports Department proudly unveils the 1993 Crissman Team. As some of you may know, John Madden, formerly of CBS, now a color analyst on the Fox network, has his yearly award show where he announces his all-

Pro football team. For our purposes, Tom Crissman '85, Wooster's director of Andrews Hall and the manager of the College Recreation & Entertainment Center has named his all-Intramural Football team for us. Crissman also was the head referee of this fall's I.M. league. The team from Kappa Chi defeated the team from Phi Sigma Alpha in the championship game.

OFFENSE

QB- Derek Miller '97, 69ers

RB-Terry Gladis '95, KX

RB-Marcus Pillion '94, Sigs

FL-Drew Kavanaugh '95, Sigs

SE- Jeff Bowling '95, Omegas

T-Matt Williams '96, 69ers

C- Chris Cingolani '94, KX

T-Sean Harris '94, Harambee

DEFENSE

DT-Brian Gorman '96, Omegas

DT- Sean Harris '94, Harambee

DT-Matt Miles '96, KX

LB-Matt Palm '95, KX

LB-T.J. Mallory '94, Sigs

LB-Gabe McIntyre '97, 69ers

CB-James Shepard '94, M.O.H.

S-Terry Gladis '95, KX

Scots athletes recognized

NEWS SERVICES

Record numbers of students are competing in athletics at The College of Wooster, and the academic performances of those athletes continue to draw rave reviews.

This year, 481 students are competing in varsity athletics at Wooster—a nine-percent increase over last year's 443 student athletes. Of that group, 40 percent (193) posted a 3.0 grade point average or above during the recently completed fall semester. In addition, 24 percent (123) of those students were named Scholar-Athletes by Wooster's athletic department after registering a 3.25 or better, including a record 13 students who achieved a perfect 4.0.

Overall, the men combined for a 2.73 grade point average, and the women combined for a 2.90 grade point average, bringing the cumulative grade point average for Wooster's student athletes to 2.81 for the fall semester.

The top teams on campus were the men's and women's cross country teams, each of which posted a 3.15 grade point average. The women's track team was next at 3.12, followed by the men's golf team at 3.10. Also compiling grade point averages above 3.0 were the women's swim team (3.07) and the women's tennis team (3.02).

"Varsity athletics continue to be an important co-curricular activity for our students, as indicated by the increase in the number of participants," says William D. McHenry, director of men's athletics at Wooster. "It is encouraging to see that as the interest in athletics continues to grow, the dedication of our student athletes to excellence in the classroom remains steadfast."

"I am pleased but not surprised by this most recent report," says Nan Nichols, director of women's athletics at Wooster. "More than anything else, it demonstrates a deep commitment to academics by our administrators, coaches and students."

Scholar-Athletes are named twice each year by Wooster's Academic-Athletic Achievement Club, which is directed by Mike Worrell, who also serves as the assistant men's basketball coach. Awards are presented to athletes who post a 3.25 grade point average or above.

Rally's sponsors contest



photo by BRITTANY BULLARD

Chad Stuckey '96, Peter James '95, and Ken participate in the Rallyburger eating contest at halftime of the Wooster-Case game last Tuesday evening. Stuckey won the competition.

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photo by BRITTANY BULLARD

Lady Scots season comes to an end

Susan Eubanks '97 launches a shot against Oberlin last Saturday afternoon. The Lady Scot basketball team ended its season on Tuesday evening with an 85-51 loss to Wittenberg in Springfield in the first round of the North Coast Athletic Conference Women's Tournament.

Earlier last week, Wooster ended its regular season on a positive note, trouncing winless Oberlin 84-35 Saturday afternoon at the Timken Gymnasium.

The Lady Scots were led by Amy Emmons '95, who scored 17 points and pulled down seven rebounds in the winning cause. Carrie Headrick '97 added 12 points, five rebounds, four steals, and three assists. Also leading the way for the Lady Scots was Patty Turning '97, who added a 10-point performance.

Wooster ended its season with a 5-19 overall record, including a 3-13 conference mark.

The Lady Scots had no seniors on the 1993-1994 team, so head coach Carol Almond should have something to look forward to next season.

Scots down Case 61-52

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER

The Scot basketball team extended its winning streak to six games this past week with wins over Case Western Reserve and Oberlin. On Tuesday evening, the Fighting Scots defeated Case Reserve 61-52 in a first round contest in the North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament in Timken Gymnasium. Also last Saturday, Wooster downed Oberlin 99-69 in its final regular season contest.

Case Western, the number six seed in the NCAC Tournament field, put a scare into Scot fans on Tuesday. The two teams played in Timken on December 7, with the Scots winning that contest by a commanding 78-38 score. However, the Spartans stayed close throughout the game on Tuesday, trailing by only two points, 54-52 with 2:23 remaining in the contest. Following a Spartan time-out, Doug Cline '95 was fouled by Case's Leighton McCoy, who did not play in the team's first meeting. Cline sunk the first of the two free throws to put the Scots up by a 55-52 score. Wooster stepped it up on defense and stopped Case on its next possession and a Cline lay-up on a feed from Mike Morgan '94 with 34 seconds remaining put the game out of reach for the Spartans at 57-52.

"We played pretty well defensively," said Wooster head coach Steve Moore. "But we had some difficulty on offense."

The Scots were led by Scott Meech '95, who scored the 1000th point of his career. In all, Meech scored 29 points and pulled down five rebounds. Cline added 18 points and 10 rebounds in the winning cause.

Wooster started out slowly against Oberlin, but slowly gained momentum. With 8:47 remaining in the first half, the Scots led 19-17. Following a 20-7 run over the next five minute period, Wooster led 39-24 following a three-pointer by Craig Bradley '95.

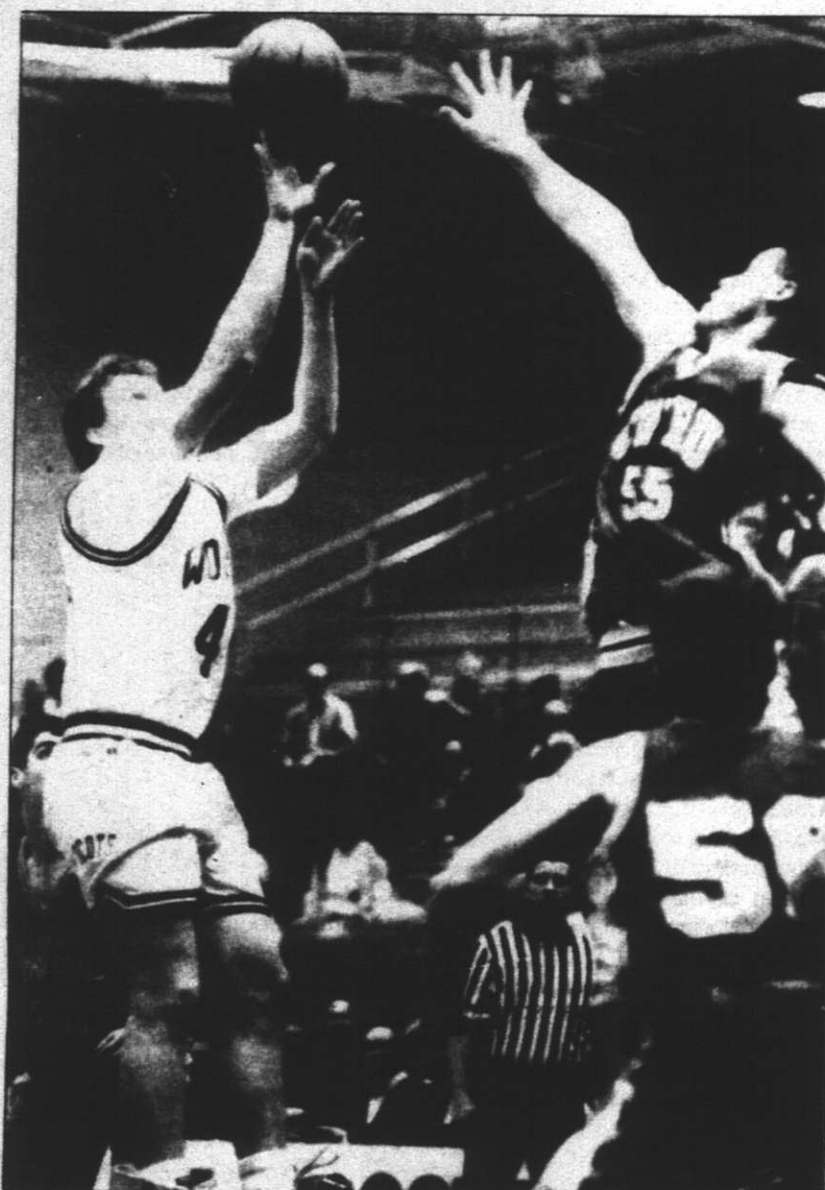


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Scott Meech '95 knocks down two of his game-high 29 points against Case Western reserve Tuesday evening in the Timken Gymnasium.

The Scots coasted the rest of the way, building up a lead as large as 91-58 with 2:18 remaining.

"We played pretty well offensively. We were aggressive on offense," said Moore. "We let up a little defensively."

Bradley led the Scots with a 19-

point, seven rebound performance. Also contributing to the winning cause was Meech, who added 18 points and six rebounds. Cline had 13 points and 11 rebounds.

After the six game win streak, the Scots record stands at 18-7 overall and 12-5 in the NCAC.

Nicknames abound on Scot basketball team

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER

"Nicknames are given when people are good friends," said Wooster head men's basketball coach Steve Moore.

Those fans who have attended Fighting Scot basketball games this season at Timken Gymnasium may have heard Scot coaches referring to the players by names such as "Bank" or "Junior". The reason for this is that assistant coach Mike Worrell's brother Ranger came up with a series of nicknames for the players and they stuck.

Some of the nicknames are "Bank" for co-captain Doug Meinen '94, "Doc" for co-captain Mike Morgan

'94, "Junior" for Doug Cline '95, "Pocket" for Kris Mallamee '95, and perhaps the most intriguing nickname of them all, "Dahmer" for Jeff Hamilton '95.

Other more obvious nicknames include "Z" for Jason Zerger '95, "Brad" for Craig Bradley '95, "Ro" for Rowell Fernandez '97, and "Mo" for Greg Morris '97.

Meinen's nickname of "Bank" came as a result of him "going around and begging everyone for money two years ago," according to Worrell. When Meinen kept asking everyone for the money, somebody told him to go to a bank and take out a loan, and

the name stuck.

In Morgan's case, "Doc" is the result of his life's ambition. Morgan is a biology major at Wooster and plans on attending medical school following graduation, because of this, he was called "Doctor" which has since been shortened to "Doc."

Cline was given the nickname of "Junior" because of his friendship with Ohio sports legend Roy Bates, who was a long-time head basketball coach of Northwestern High School and now hosts a sports-talk show on WQKT (FM 104.5) in Wooster. "Doug was hanging out with Roy Bates so often, we started saying that

Doug was his boy, so his nickname became 'Roy Bates, Jr.," said Worrell.

Worrell was uncertain why Mallamee is referred to as "Pocket", but he felt that it had something to do with the term "Pocket Hurricane."

Hamilton was given the nickname "Dahmer" two years ago. "Jeff used to hang out with a guy named Nate Lindamood, and this was during the time when Jeffrey Dahmer was in the news," said Worrell. "Somebody decided that the two of them looked like Dahmer so they started calling him that."

The only Fighting Scot who seems to have escaped being branded with a

nickname by coach Worrell's brother is Scott Meech '95, who according to Worrell is the only Scot player not have a nickname. Do not be surprised to see Meech with a nickname before the end of his career next year if present trends continue.

Is it possible that Moore and Worrell and something up their sleeves when they call their players by nicknames? Do they believe that by calling the players by names other than their given ones, that they may be trying to fool Scots' opponents?

"No, the nicknames have nothing to do with that," said Moore. "They are for fun."

THE WOOSTER VOICE SPORTS

Fighting Scots hope third time is a charm

Wooster to battle Kenyon in North Coast Athletic Conference Tournament semi-final matchup

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER

"It's going to be a war," said Assistant Coach Mike Worrell, in reference to tonight's semi-final NCAC Tournament matchup between Wooster and Kenyon. The two teams met in last year's NCAC Tournament championship game, which the Scots won 64-48. Wooster is entering this year's game as the number three seed with an 18-7 overall record, while the Lords are the second seed with a 22-3 overall mark. Kenyon is ranked 19th in the nation among Division III schools.

Earlier this season, Kenyon downed the Scots 79-67 in Gambier on Dec. 11, as well as defeating Wooster again, this time in the Timken Gymnasium 56-54 on Jan. 29. Tonight the two teams will play in Branch Rickey Arena on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware.

"We are going into this game with a lot of confidence," said Wooster Head Coach Steve Moore. "We are a very determined team."

Defensively, the key for the Scots may be stopping the talented tandem of Jamie Harless and Chris Donovan. Harless was the NCAC's leading scorer this year, averaging 20.9 points per game. He also led the league in three-point goals scored per game, averaging 3.5 a game. Donovan averaged 17.7 points per contest as well as being the conference's leading rebounder with an average of 9.5 rebounds per game.

Harless, a left-handed shooter, played the off-guard position for the majority of the season. It was only until recently that he has switched to the point guard position.

"Jamie Harless is one of the conference's top players and is a true competitor," said Moore. "Since he is playing at the point to start the game, we will have Mike Morgan '94 guarding him although [Jason] Zerger '95 and Doug Meinen '94 will also draw the assignment."

Kenyon Head Coach Bill Brown warns that Harless will not play at the point for the entire game. "We will have Jamie starting at the point," said Brown. "But he will alternate throughout the game."

Donovan, at 6'8" has the ability to post up with his size, but he is also a threat from three-point range. This



photo by BRITTANY BULLARD
Kenyon's Chris Donovan strips the ball away from Doug Meinen '94 while Che Smith watches on.

combination makes Donovan difficult to guard. "Some teams try to guard him with a smaller player, because of his outside shooting ability," said Moore. "But when they do this he usually posts up and can beat the smaller player."

Because of this, Moore will start Doug Cline '95 on Donovan, while Scott Meech '95 and Greg Morris '97 will also draw the assignment.

Che Smith, Kenyon's center, is also a player Moore and Worrell will be concerned with. "Che Smith is a definite factor," said Moore. "He is a scoring threat inside as well as a strong shot blocker."

Meech will draw the assignment of guarding Smith in Wooster's man-to-man defensive scheme.

Other starters for the Lords are Ken Danzinger and Andrew Miller. Danzinger is the lone starting senior on the team and plays the small forward position. Miller, a newcomer to

the starting lineup, hit the winning shot against the Scots on Jan. 29.

"Danzinger is their leader, maybe not statistically, but he is their inspirational leader," said Worrell.

Craig Bradley '95 will defend Danzinger to begin the game. Zerger will defend Miller.

Coming off the bench for the Lords is Mylin Johnson. "We are concerned with Mylin Johnson," said Moore. "He is an athlete and maybe their best defender."

While Wooster will employ its traditional man-to-man defensive scheme, Kenyon will use a number of different zone defenses. "Kenyon will play a 3-2 zone as well as some matchup zone," said Moore.

"They will sag their zone back to defend against Doug (Cline) and Scott (Meech)," said Worrell.

"Wooster is very strong inside, and we will play a variety of zone defenses in response to this," said Brown.

WOOSTER FIGHTING SCOTS VS. KENYON LORDS

WHEN: Friday, Feb. 24, 1994 at 6:45 p.m.

WHERE: Branch Rickey Arena on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware

OUTLOOK: Kenyon is ranked 19th in the nation and boast an overall record of 22-3. Wooster is 17-7 overall. In order for Kenyon to win, they will have to shut down Wooster's inside tandem of Scott Meech '95 and Doug Cline '95 as well as three-point specialist Craig Bradley '95. The Lords hope a combination of zone defenses designed to stop the inside game will prove effective.

In order for the Scots to win, they will need to stop dynamic duo of NCAC leading scorer Jamie Harless and versatile 6'8" Chris Donovan. Wooster will try and limit the effectiveness of these two and force other Lords to beat them.

WHAT THEY SAID

Bill Brown

Mike Morgan



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Kenyon Head Coach Bill Brown.

"We realize that Wooster has won the last two conference tournament championships. However, we feel that if we play to the best of our abilities as a team, we can be successful in this game."



photo by NEWS SERVICES
Wooster co-captain Mike Morgan '94.

"I have been told that I will be guarding Harless to start the game, and I look forward to it. Our attitude as a team is very positive. We are excited, and I am confident that we are going to get it done."

Sports Challenge

The Sports Challenge is a weekly feature of the Sports section. The first person to call the Voice office at x-2598 with the correct answer will receive \$5.

Who had the highest single-season batting average in modern baseball history?

The upcoming week in Sports:

men's basketball:
today—Kenyon (A)—at OWU
6:45 p.m.

indoor track:
tomorrow—Kenyon (A)

swimming/diving:
tomorrow—CRWU Invitational (A)
1 p.m.

golf:
Feb. 21-March 1—Karl Tucker
Invitational (A)—at Guadalajara,
Mexico

Quote of the week

"No, but it certainly smelled like hot dogs."

—An eyewitness in the Charles Barkley assault trial when asked if she could smell alcohol on Barkley's breath.